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FINAL PASSAGE

HB 4236 (Ehardt)

House Bill 4236 would add Respiratory Therapist as a license health profession in Michigan. Fees for an individual licensed or seeking licensure as a respiratory therapist would be as follows: Application processing fee - \$20. Registration fee - \$75 per year. Temporary registration fee - \$75 per year.

Support: Michigan Society for Respiratory Care, American Lung Association, Michigan Thoracic Society, MI Health and Hospital Assn.

Oppose: SEIU, Ad Hoc Committee on Continuing Education, AFL-CIO – First, this bill does not insure additional quality care for consumers. Second, there is no funding available for start-up cost associated with adding a new registration category. These costs could total up to \$100,000 and include copies, postage, travel, and set up. Additionally, with the loss of staff due to early retirements, the Department estimates the need for four to five new employees to handle the applications, continuing education, and allegation and complaint investigations.

9/24:

- *Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].*
- *HB 4236 was moved to 3rd Reading.*

9/25:

- *Hammerstrom 1 (3 amends) was adopted [no RC]. Technical changes: only the Department can license, word change of registration with licensure, and add an effective date of 1/1/04.*
- *HB 4236 passed [RC 431: 27 yes, 11 no (Dems)]. Immediate Effect was defeated.*